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"A Kiss for Santa" is Grant M. Haist's interpretation of the Cats and Christmas theme. Mr. Haist and the Shaded Silver Longhair kit are from Rochester, N. Y.

WHY CATS AND CHRISTMAS

We set aside this special day for love. The Great love that makes all nature's creatures kin. The spirit of Christ. The spirit of Christmas.

We've known it all year through. In the touch of a friend's hand, in the smile of a child, in the joyous abandon of a pet — in sharing and in giving and in getting.

And now we've added them all together in memory and in foreseeing to give us this one great day.

Whatever our religions, whatever our philosophies, the spirit of love which we celebrate on Christmas ties all our souls together.

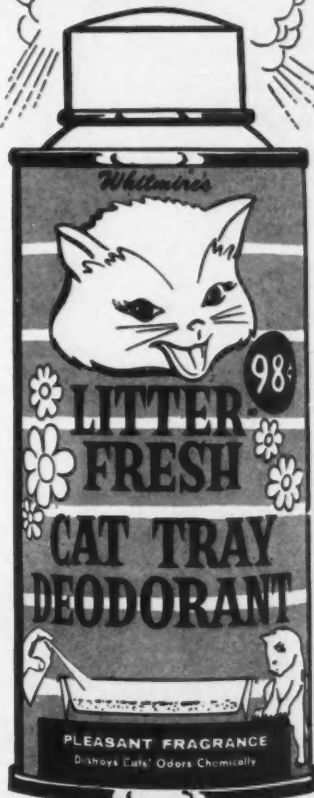
This, of course, includes all whom we love. Our pets as well as people, and especially our cats. For they, of all pets, can most surely share our human feelings.

Alloof or friendly, boisterously scaling the Christmas tree or daintily testing the new-fallen snow, our cats are part of Christmas as they are part of all of our lives.

Here amid the modern representations of the day—the gilded baubles, the mechanical playthings, the raucous hucksters using the sacred meanings of the day to cry their wares from their shadow-boxes—here all unheeding sits or sleeps or plays a living symbol of the real love and empathy which unite all of God's creation.

So on this dream-day of childhood, this day of the celebration of love for adults, we all as cat lovers will find an added happiness in knowing that today and in the days past and to come there is room in our hearts to give love and to get it from those kindred souls within their coats of fur.

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Dear Editors:

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With your help, we have enjoyed three generations. Here they are represented by Melodie, seven years old; Pee-Wee, her daughter and Prinnie, who is Pee-Wee's son.

They always enjoy this time of the year. The tree delights them and they seem to know they will get new toys.

Pauline Valone

443-B Flower Street
Chula Vista, California



WHITE CHRISTMAS AND BLACK CAT

Dear Editors:

Here is Tar-Baby on his first Christmas. His is an interesting story. His mother, a Siamese champion, was in seclusion awaiting the arrival of a consort worthy of her line. Carelessness in the form of an open window and love in the form of an unknown tom, made the alliance unnecessary and five coal-black kittens proved that iron bars do not a prison make.

Tar-Baby's wonderful coloring and his Siamese personality make him a most fascinating cat.

Sybill McFadden

960 W. Church Street
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"AND ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE"

Who'll wassail through bespangled litter,

Paws apounce and eyes aglitter,
Inebriate in wrapping bits?

Christmas kits.

Who'll first remain remote from pranking,

Then, shedding dignity they're ranking,
Sport the most tipsy boxtop bats?

Christmas cats.

—Betty Preston Davis



SAY IT AGAIN

Dear Editors:

The St. Paul paper gave this photograph a big spread last Christmas and we thought perhaps your readers would enjoy seeing it.

Heart Bandit II, an eleven year old Chinchilla and the joy of our lives, seems to be saying for the world to hear, "Merry Christmas."

Mrs. Elmer Sandstoe

Hastings, Minn.



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Dear Editors:

Peace on earth . . . and this picture shows it can be done. All are stray animals that found they liked the room and board at our house.

Since this was taken last Christmas eve, two more homeless cats found us.

Who said there is no Santa Claus?

Mrs. Carl Oelrich

584 N.E. End Ave.
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PRISTINE GLORY

Dear Editors:

Yum-Yum will take her chances of being the most glamorous even alongside be-ribboned packages — or the most sparkling of Christmas trees.

She is fun the entire year, but with boxes and string and all the things this time of year brings, she goes completely mad.

Illy McFall

112 S. Ervin Street
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WINTER WEAR

Dear Editors:

Mittens, the important member of our family, sports a plaid woolen coat about now. At first, he objected but now that he is accustomed to it, he kind of gets show-offish when he has it on.

We certainly appreciate CATS Magazine.

Mrs. Margaret McGinley

336 N. 41st St.
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PERFECTLY SPLENDID

Dear Editors:

I would like my veterinarian to have this magazine in his office. I have been giving him my old copies and the response from the public is very good. In this way, I put the magazine in the hands of the people who will give cats a better life.

I wish more people would give this gift to their veterinarians in appreciation for the wonderful job they do in making our pets' lives happier and healthier.

Mrs. Ralph H. Moll

5101 Calatrana Drive
Woodland Hills, California
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THE RUIN OF THE MARQUISEES

by George Marquisee

Until about ten years ago I was classified as a barbarian. The author was my wife, who had long determined that the human species was divided into two categories: those who favored cats and those who did not. The former were the civilized people of this world; the latter were the barbarians.

I, incontestably, was one of the barbarians. Having lived for many years in what my wife called the "barbaric State of Montana", my attitude towards cats was considered the natural result of my early background. When I attempted to explain that dogs were simply more prominent than cats in our locale and that the citizens showed no marked antagonism for cats but were merely indifferent to them, I unwittingly bore witness against myself. The evidence was in—my wife's judgment was cast.

One bright and sunny afternoon in the fall of 1949 when I was feeling exceptionally optimistic about irrelevant things, the phone in my Gotham office rang sharply and I answered.

"I brought up a cat!" The voice was familiar, the message was not and the detail is best unremembered. A brief exchange ensued and the upshot was that a forlorn cat which had accompanied my wife into our apartment would remain, at least until I came home.

A few hours later I marched grimly up the stairs to our three-room uptown studio apartment, slowly unlocked the door and thrust my head inside the doorway. There at the far end of the livingroom, just inside the kitchen doorway, stood my wife. At her feet was a face in a platter of milk. At first sight I swore it was a skunk, long silver-haired and ungainly in shape. I could not positively identify it. "What is it?" I asked more in bewilderment than in anger.

The answer was no answer at all. "You aren't angry, you'll let it stay a while won't you, dear?"

At that moment the unidentified raised its head which was surprisingly broad, and even startling, I thought—mainly because of the exceptionally expressive large eyes which along with a brick red nose gave "it" a most remarkable appearance. Concluding "it" was a cat, I had little choice but to surrender to my wife's oncoming tears and my up-and-coming conscience. I felt equally sorry for both of them: for my wife's feeling for the helpless, and for the cat which on my wife's say-so I assumed was helpless.

Soon, I too, was helpless since further observation indicated that we could look forward to a houseful of kittens in a short time.

Silver, the name the color and luster of her fur dictated, spent most of the next ten days wandering about the kitchen—

Portrait of Her Highness, the Longhair female to whom her owner attributes the coming "Fall of The House of Silver."

Photo by Patricia Layton



particularly in the vicinity of the milk platter. Since that represented her security, she also slept there. Now and then she became adventurous and would enter the livingroom where she would tentatively approach the window overlooking the rear garden, jump on the sill, look out for a few minutes, and then hastily return to her milk platter in the kitchen.

While all these historic events were in the making, my wife invariably wore a smirk that was her special commentary on my compromise with civilization.

Just ten days after her arrival, Silver gave birth to five kittens, and all temporarily settled down in our home. It wasn't long before the kittens began to toddle about and act on their needs and curiosity. Anticipating that, we had acquired the necessary appurtenances. Schrafft's pie tins were scattered about for the kittens' convenience, and with their bustling back and forth between tins and my ultimately having to feed them, I was rapidly relegated to the most unauthorized position in the household. To make matters even worse, Silver was interested only in nursing—training her kittens was apparently something she abhorred, so that, too, was left to me.

However, when at the end of two months the kittens were running all over our livingroom, the time to do something positive was at hand. Consequently, we gave them all away to a selected list (my wife's) of "civilized" people.

Following this successful accomplishment the question arose as to what to do about our "original". Unfortunately, Silver had been paying more and more attention to me and—though with some exception as to execution—much in the manner of a dog. She would greet me at the door, but instead of wagging her tail she would arch her back and scratch the carpet furiously. My wife admonished me one day when I suggested that such demonstrations might

prove wearing on the rug. "She is just showing you how happy she is to see you. You wanted a dog and that's her way of acting like one."

I could not help but be affected by this show of affection and had little recourse but to mutter, "Nice Silver." That did it. Overwrought by my approval she leaped onto the back of my favorite chair and enthusiastically tore into it. In anguish I protested, "Dear, if you must allow Silver to give full rein to her feelings, why not get her a scratching post?" "Impractical!" my wife replied. "They don't use them when they get them. Besides, there's no substitute for Silver—and so, after all, what's furniture?"

I protested ineffectually, but actually this orphan, as my wife often referred to Silver, had almost convinced me that she was a dog in disguise and I was finding it more and more difficult to even consider letting her out of the house.

As the weeks and months went by Silver grew fat on chopped steak, salmon and milk while much of the interior of our home tended towards tatters. Silver had done a thorough-going job on our utilitarian furnishings. I say "utilitarian," because Silver demonstrated an inborn respect for the creative arts. There were more than 500 books to choose from, on open shelves extending from each side of the centered fireplace to the wall, but Silver treated them with the utmost deference. Not a jacket was torn. She would walk past the antiques on the mantelpiece in her most considerate manner. None was knocked over nor to our knowledge even jostled.

Silver never failed to sniff with all the finesse of a connoisseur, the Bruegel hanging just above the center of the mantelpiece. But her highest reward was reserved for music. Not all music, for she had her special musical interest. Harpsi-

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FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

IN PRAISE OF CATS

Prerogative
of Indian Brave
is
Happy Hunting Ground.
'Tis hoped
such Field Celestial
for
Kitty can be found.

—Jay Ames

O SHAH!

A cat and a bookstore
Are rightly made
For each other. I shall trade
At that one where the astute owner
Adds handsome feline to his decor.
A cat, let's say, like Shah, aware
His lineage transcends by far
That of the average customer.
Who suns his handsome haughty self
In window space, on high-up shelf,
Or favorite corner,
And ponders, with wide-ambered gaze
That holds, within omniscient look
More wisdom than in many a book,
On our peculiar human ways.
A cat as apt to bestow a rapt
Grin on a friend, as he is to lend
A snarl as heartfelt as it's rash
On some new patron full of cash
And condescension,
Is Shah, that large and most incredible
Arrogant Blue Persian miracle.

—Martha Sherwood Johnson

SPLIT IMAGE

The cat lay curled
like a sleeping universe,
tail across nose,
completing the circle.

—Norman Davis

EN GARDE

My kitten is a brave fencer,
En garde, he crouches low,
Adroitly feinting right and left,
He charges at his foe.
He dances towards a waving tail,
Which quickly disappears;
Then lunges with a rapier-thrust
At kitten head and ears.
How can I make him understand,
This spunky, furry ball—
The foe he would engage is just
His shadow on the wall.

—Gladys Cornell

CHRISTMAS EVE

*Last Christmas Eve was wild at our
house,
That was the night we cats found a
mouse.
Andy who's short-haired — of no spe-
cial breed
Claimed it for his with gluttonous
greed.
The Siamese Lady shrieked, "All mice
are free,"
And came screaming up the Christmas
tree,
Which as you know is my special
place,
So what could I do but kick in her
face.
Somehow in the fracas some baubles
fell down
And Lady Jill flattened the cardboard
town.
The mouse got away through a hole
in the floor
Just as our people came in the front
door.
Andy and Jill, who had started it all
Were off like shadows and way down
the hall,
When they spied me alone halfway
down the tree
With the rest of the baubles raining
round me.
So I, who am Persian, and never
rough-house
Got punished because of that one
foolish mouse.*

—Hazel T. Martin

THE CHRISTMAS HELPERS

*Sometimes as I wrap Christmas gifts
I sigh,
Recalling Yuletides of another day,
When playful kittens tried to help me
tie
The packages, charmed by the ribbon's
gay
Bright crimson, and that happy rus-
tling sound
Of fancy paper which enclosed each
gift.
I could not scold, although with saucy
bound
They'd mar the wrappings with a
jagged rift;
Now, like a dream, those days come
back to me,
And I am gazing through a misty
blur. . .
And yet my inner sight can plainly see
Those small loved helpers dressed in
soft gray fur.*

—Margaret E. Bruner
From *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

KITTEN ON THE HEARTH

The kitten curled up beside the fire—
A ball of yellow fluff, with no desire
For venturing forth to the cold and
snow,
(Dreaming dreams of a catnip
meadow?
Or fed by the instincts of its kind,
Dreaming of mice unwary and blind?)
Slowly awakens, yawns, then stretches,
Arching its back with pleasure—
scratches
An ear with lazy motion and looks
Up quizzically at two faces deep in
books . . .
Then settles down on the hearth once
more,
Curling up tight in a ball as before.

—Catherine Walker

MY CAT AND DOORS

It doesn't matter where they lead
Doors annoy him, yes indeed.
Doors that let him out and in
Always wear his patience thin.
Doors to cupboards, closets too,
He'll stand before and scratch and
mew
And rattle knobs in great disgust —
In time they'll let him in — they must.
He'll take frustration, sometimes, but
He cannot stand a door that's shut!

—Pearl Hawley

LEASE

Late Noche, blacker than his name
(Beyond a white, minute jabot)
Across the alien threshold came
And stood his ground a round or so.

Made amber measure of the room
And wound around a waiting chair.
Regarding shadows in the gloom,
Sat soundlessly and washed his hair.

Then turned a staring saraband
And stilled at last, as though he knew
From all the evidence at hand
That this, for him, perhaps, would do.

—Pat Wallace Latner

HIGH SIGN

True to the instincts of her Persian
race,
My kitty conceals with impassive face
Thoughts and emotions that I never
fail

To read in the semaphores of her tail.

—Ruby Lytle

It may come as a shock to thousands of American feline fanciers that cats, from jungle lions to alley prowlers, have been stamped out by the hundreds of millions virtually everywhere except in the United States. Further, this varied list of cats has traveled to all global points including the Arctic; bringing pleasure to multitudes, and profit to many. Traveling, that is, through the medium of the mails, on world postage stamps.

Since the first adhesive postage stamp was issued in 1840 (by Great Britain) some 32 nations have featured cat family members as central designs for 900 different "cat" stamps. Most of these subjects are wild: lion, tiger, leopard, jaguar, ocelot, puma, but an occasional Domestic Short-hair cat sneaks into the mails, too.

Wild animals as symbols of national strength are fairly common in the world's gallery of postal portraits.

The British lion, for example, is universally known and respected. During troubled times in Britain's history a postage stamp picturing this mighty symbol of power and authority has appeared, as reassurance to the fearful and deterrent to possible colonial uprisings. Probably the most effective of the "lion" stamps appeared in 1924, during the British Empire Exhibition in London. A nobly classic lion shared portrait honors with King George on this issue, and the subtle message of strength franked millions of letters to colonial outposts.

Hungary printed a finely engraved stamp series in 1946, showing a lion breaking heavy shackles with one paw while protecting the Magyar coat of arms with the other. This series was "semi-postal" in nature, a finely developed European custom designed to painlessly raise funds for miscellaneous projects. A semi-postal stamp is valid for postage to a specified amount. The balance paid for the stamp goes to the special project, in this case as a relief fund for war-poor postal employees.

Israel, a young nation postally, has used full-maned lions frequently in stamp designing, and also in their publicity pamphlets to Jewish people everywhere. Ethiopia strangely enough, where reigns the "conquering lion of Judah," has avoided "cat designs" almost entirely.

Postal authorities of East Germany must have had a headache when they authorized the classic Leipzig Zoo commemorative in 1953. The Leipzig collection of bears is strictly average, while their lions are world renowned. National pride apparently won out and the stamp pictures a pair of definitely British lions, while the Russian bears were ignored.

Cuba issued one of the few stamps picturing a domestic cat in 1956, and included an appeal for funds aiding the Jeanette Ryder Foundations for homeless animals. The engraving pictures a young boy holding two dogs in addition to the cat, and was made from a photograph. The two canines in the stamp engraving are studiously avoiding looking at the cat, and it is assumed the natural antipathy between

THESE CATS CARRY THE MAIL

by Tom Burrier



Stamps discussed by Mr. Burrier are shown above. KEY: 1—Belgian East Africa (Ruanda-Urundi); 2—Cuba; 3—East Germany; 4—Great Britain; 5—Mozambique Company (Portuguese concession); 6—Tangier (Spanish Colony); 7—Malaya; 8—Hungary (semi-postal); 9—Southern Rhodesia (British Colony); 10—Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika Territory; 11—Nyasaland (British Protectorate); 12—Israel; 13—Spain.

species exists in Cuba as elsewhere.

A Chamber of Deputies member reportedly threw that august French law making body into an uproar when he proposed a postage stamp honoring the official cat maintained in the National Library. The postal issue was voted down, but it was brought out that the single cat is, indeed, on the French payroll, and his

keep a part of the national budget. The British haven't forsaken their lion as a national symbol as yet, but a mouse catcher is officially assigned to the House of Lords, and one to the House of Commons. Several veteran rodent chasers are also on duty in the old Congressional Building in Washington, D. C., and are said to be unaffected

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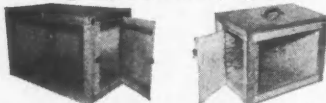
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DECEMBER PICTURE OF THE MONTH



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Remember when it was so very hard to go to sleep night before Christmas. No matter how tired, the excitement of the season and the curiosity for tomorrow made sleep a most elusive thing to catch.

Bob Taylor of Cordell, Oklahoma, submitted this photo. It gives you to wonder if it is a picture of the last-ditch try at

staying awake or just a kitten playing possum in an attempt to get a glimpse of St. Nick.

Of course, all twelve kits and cats who have won the Picture-of-the-Month awards, hope you have a good holiday season. We do, too.

CATS MAGAZINE

PICTURE OF THE MONTH CONTEST RULES

1. Any unpublished Black and White Photograph featuring Cats or Kittens is eligible.
2. Entries must not be smaller than 5" x 7" nor larger than 12" x 14".
3. Pictures will be judged on interest and technical excellence.
4. Contestant's name and address and title of picture, if any, must be firmly affixed or printed lightly on the back of entry.
5. All entries must be submitted by the photographer who produced the picture. Commercially finished photos are acceptable, but must be entered by the person who took the picture.
6. CATS Magazine can not enter into correspondence with contestants. No entries will be acknowledged or returned, and all become the property of CATS Magazine. Judges' decisions will be final.
7. Contestants agree to give CATS Magazine permission to use names and photographs for editorial, publicity, and advertising purposes. However, any non-winning picture which is subsequently used by CATS Magazine for such purposes will be paid for at our regular rates.
8. Employees or editorial associates of CATS Magazine are not eligible.
9. All entries received during the period November 15, 1959 to November 14, 1960 will be considered for 1960 monthly prizes.
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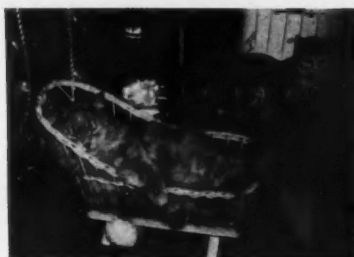
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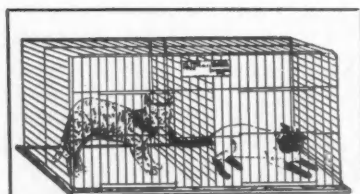


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"Tips to the Novice"
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PART II

Last month we left our kittens at the age of two weeks. Their eyes had been open for several days, and they were beginning to explore and were getting bigger and stronger every day.

Now that they have become three weeks old we must plan to make more room for them and to think about helping the mother with her feeding of the youngsters.

So, first let us place the mother and her babies in a larger cage—a nice, freshly painted one. This time we have painted it blue. It was pink the last time, and we have changed to a different color so that we can be absolutely sure we have covered every spot. We spray and spray until there isn't a spot of pink showing anywhere. After each litter, or at least twice a year, all cages must be painted this way. Scrub first and dry thoroughly—then get to work and paint. I use Kemglow enamel as I know it is very safe, but any kind will do as long as it is completely dry before the kittens are placed in the cage.

Our new "kitten rooms" are more than twice as large as the maternity wards we are leaving. These cages are twenty inches high, twenty inches wide, and six feet long, with a door in front. They are covered with 1x2 wire mesh. The bottom is made of quarter-inch or half-inch plywood. This need not be of top quality, as you paint it anyway. And you can save considerable money by using the lower grades. We stack our cages three-high and put rollers on the bottom one so we can move them from place to place.

I have found the best way to start weaning the kittens is to use evaporated milk—diluted with an equal amount of water—with just a little Pablum sprinkled over the top. I dip my finger in this mixture and place it in the kittens' little mouths. Once they get the taste of it, they will usually start in lapping it from a dish. They'll probably think they must put their little feet in it, too, to make it go down faster. We know better, but it won't hurt to humor them for a while. I use a bread-and-butter plate. These are so shallow that I can be sure the milk isn't deep enough to get up their noses—that frightens the kittens and it will take them longer to get used to the new means of eating.

I feed the kittens this milk and Pablum mixture twice a day for a week or more. Then I change to the same diet as that of the mother cat. But when you do change

YOUR KITTENS AND

to solid foods, remember that you must start the kits by placing a pinch of food in their little mouths. Some will growl, some will take a mouthful and run, others will jump in the dish. It will be fun to watch them take this first bit of grown-up food. And when they have finished eating, the mother cat will go around cleaning up the dirty little faces until they are shining clean again.

Whatever you feed the kittens, be sure to add vitamins and minerals. A little water should also be added, and it's a good idea to mix in a bit of cereal. Feed them all they can eat at least every three hours (except at night) and watch them grow! Just as soon as I can see that they know how to eat solid food I take the mother cat away from the kittens in the day time, but place her back with them at night. If we left them together all the time the kittens might prefer to keep nursing long after they should be on their own.

At three weeks is the time when we must think about a kitty pan for the kittens, too. It should be about two inches high, and perhaps twelve inches long and eight inches wide. You can use any of the popular litters, newspapers, or just plain earth, but you will find the litters most convenient. The pans must be kept spotlessly clean. You must empty them often and wash with soap and water after each changing, for if you want clean kittens you must keep their toilet clean at all times. They are very sensitive to dirt of all kinds, and if once they start eliminating in the wrong place because their pan is too dirty for them, it is you who are to blame, not the kittens.

Usually the mother cat will go in the kittens' pan first to show them what to do, and then they will imitate her. This is nature's way of teaching them. But the mother makes sure they learn, and if they don't crawl in the pan by themselves, the mother will pick them up by the scruff of the neck and drop them in the pan. After she's done this a few times, you'll notice them getting into the pan all by themselves. They'll crawl in and cry and cry to get attention. Then the mother will come over and give them a few licks on the head telling them they are good boys and girls. Then they'll dig and tear in the pan and finally do just what they're supposed to do.

Now that the kittens go into the pan for you, you'll have another little responsibility, especially if you have Longhair cats. It's up to you to see that they have nice clean bottoms, because these little ones can and do have accidents at times. I cut off the fur in a circle about the size of a quarter around the anus. This is very helpful in keeping them clean, but still they may not look where they sit down, and a "pancake" may be the result. These you must remove.

Check your kittens for this at least morning and evening as the acid from the stool

THEIR CARE

is so strong it will cause much discomfort to your little babies, and may even cause inflammation. As soon as you see a pan-cake, wash it off with warm water. If there's any sign of discomfort, use a little Nupercanial ointment. This will clear up the trouble in one application—two at the most if you watch your kittens closely.

It is very important that you keep a close watch on your kitten's bowel movements at this stage, for they are very likely to get the parasites we call round worms. These are white in color, slim and round, and from one to two inches long. They will probably curl up as soon as they get out in the air.

If you find them, take the whole litter, plus the mother cat, to the veterinarian. He will give you the correct dosage per pound weight and will advise you just what should be done. Remember to DO just what he says, and you won't have sick babies on your hands. He will probably tell you that the kittens' and mother's pans must be emptied as soon as possible after each use and that your quarters must be scrubbed and kept perfectly clean at all times. Also, you will have to repeat in about ten days the same medication as the first time.

Another, much smaller but even more troublesome, parasite causes the condition called coccidiosis. Kittens may get this shortly after weaning. Bowels become loose, the stools are a gray color, and they smell very bad. The best remedy I have found for this is Sulfaguanidine tablets, 0.5 Gm, 7.7 Grains, by Lederle. When I run into this trouble I give my kittens one-half tablet crushed in their food morning and evening for about five days. I also give the mother a full tablet morning and evening the same way. It is possible to give the tablets by mouth, but the patients don't seem to mind the taste and it's easier just to mix it in the food.

Enough about the insides—we also must keep our babies looking their best outside. Especially if they are Longhairs, you must start combing and brushing them as soon as possible. Place them on your lap and comb very gently every day. They will look forward to it, and so will you, for it's just another type of petting to them. And don't be afraid to bathe your kittens every time they need it. Once they are pan-trained and have the run of the house, there'll be many times they'll get dust and dirt into their long soft fur. Just be gentle in bathing, and be sure the kitten is thoroughly dry before it gets into drafts or cold air.

Another hint—even though you're sure the kits are thoroughly trained, it's best to have a pan in each room in the house once you give the kits free rein. Then they'll know where each pan is, and won't have to run all through the house in case of an emergency.

By this time your kittens will have reached the age of twelve weeks and it will

be time for their most important trips to the veterinarian. It is at this age that they should get their shots against our most serious disease of cats, feline enteritis—also called gastro-enteritis and cat distemper. The kittens inherit protection from the mother, but this wears off shortly after the third month. The shots aren't expensive, and they may well save your kittens' lives. They consist of two injections about fourteen days apart. The veterinarian will give you a certificate of vaccination for each kitten, and you will find these of value should you ever have to prove your cats have been vaccinated. No unvaccinated cat should ever be allowed in a place where any cat has had enteritis during the previous year.

In these two articles we've talked about

most of the things you'll run into in bringing up your kitten family. Chances are that if you follow these simple instructions you'll have a fine, healthy bunch of youngsters. Once in a while, however, something more serious may strike, and next month we'll discuss some of the other diseases of kittens.

(As friends of Mrs. Wolfram, you readers will, I feel sure, want to know of the loss she has recently suffered. Her partner in life and in her cat activities, Edward Wolfram, died suddenly October 13. Aside from his business activities, Mr. Wolfram devoted all of his energies to cats and cat people. We at CATS Magazine, as does much of the cat world, owe him an unpayable debt of gratitude.—R.D.S.)



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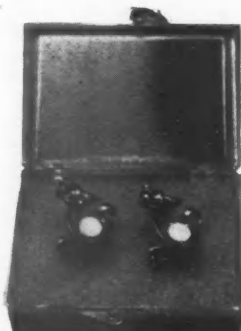
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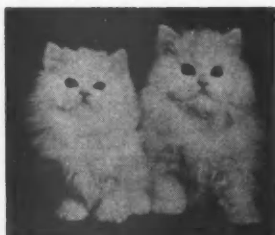
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Cats Question Box

Conducted By E. A. Renaux, D.V.M.

A stray cat that moved in with us developed chronic sniffles. As long as he stayed with us he had them. One of our house cats has now developed this condition. Is this contagious and what treatment do you recommend?

—Katherine Dusak

RR #2, Woodstock, Ill.

In view of the fact that one of your other cats has developed the same symptoms the condition would appear to be contagious. It might be just a simple rhinitis, but there is the possibility that you may have feline pneumonitis among your cats. Diagnosis, antibiotic treatment, and care would be the proper procedure.

Is there any cure or treatment for what my veterinarian termed asthma resulting from pneumonia? His coughing is getting worse and I feel there should be something that should be done for him. It is very difficult to get him to take pills.

—Mrs. Joseph Plummer

27 Chestnut St., Marcus Hook, Pa.

A definite cure for some asthmatic conditions is difficult to effect. If it is a moist cough and the cat has some lung congestion a medication such as ammonium chloride might help to loosen the mucous so the cat could cough it up and clear the respiratory passages.

What do you consider the best treatment for rodent mouth? Is there any known permanent cure? Our Longhair has had the trouble for several years. It will break out, then clear only to break out again at some later date. I have used cycloderm and gentian violet.

—Teresa Cooper

3328 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, Mich.

The use of B complex vitamins and cleaning of the wounds with potassium permanganate solution (1:4,000). I usually suggest that a tablespoonful of canned stewed tomatoes be added to the food once daily also.

Can a half-grown cat survive on a diet of raw liver and water? We have a stray who won't touch anything else.

—Mrs. Lorraine Carlin

113 Pacific Ave., Collingswood 7, N. J.

Survive is the proper word here, for as far as is known, there is no one food that will supply all of the nutrients necessary for good health. Cats, when housed and cared for, can develop a very strong affinity for one food. It would be much better for them to be eating a regular formulated substantial cat food.

It is a common thing for females to spray? I have made a special pet of a female, but I've watched her and know she does spray. My concern is this: will all sweet, clean, dear females do this when they are in season, or is it a rare thing for them to do? I have another female I'd like to keep, but if she is likely to do this, I will have her spayed.

—Helen R. Morris

Rt. 1, Box 166, Dumfries, Va.

It is not unusual for a female to act as though she is going to spray by assuming the position that a male cat would, but it is quite unnatural for them to complete the act. I would think that you have an exceptional female indeed.

I now keep my three cats in a large service room at the back of my house and they seem very content. As I cannot keep them in the main part of the house, I am wondering if they will be warm enough this winter when the temperature drops to just above zero. They love the outdoors and even in chilly weather spend considerable time outside. They have a Flex-Port door for entering.

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SPEAKING OF PETS, by H. H. Miller. Fleet Publishing Company, New York. 207 pages. \$3.95.

Harry Miller is one of America's greatest pet authorities with wide experience as editor and columnist, and this manual is just what one would expect of someone who has his unique understanding of animals as pets and of people as pet owners.

He's covered almost every member of the animal kingdom which could conceivably enjoy man's companionship—including even such insects as the praying mantis. Yes, they make delightful little friends when you get to know them!

Birds, fish, tortoises, dogs, and the other common pets are given Mr. Miller's professional common sense treatment—and his same attitude extends to our primary interest.

His cat section employs only twenty-three pages, but it covers all the essentials—and lacks the misinformation one is likely to find in many full-length books. Also, although he obviously likes dogs, he treats the cat fairly in his chapter on selecting pets.

For sound advice and accurate information on the whole world of pets this is one book which your reviewer approves without reservation. —B. D.



JENNY'S BEDSIDE BOOK, story and pictures by Esther Averill. Harper & Brothers, New York. Juvenile. 32 pages. \$2.50.

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TRICKS AND TRAINING FOR CATS, by Morris L. Groder. All-Pets Books, Fond du Lac, Wis. 47 pages. 75 cents.

Except for trying to insist that our cats accommodate themselves to our routines of living (and, generally, being at best only half-successful at it), most of us wouldn't think of training our pets or of expecting them to perform for us on command.

Yet, there's something to be said for Mr. Groder's viewpoint that cats are very much like humans—that they will find pleasure in learning, even as we do, and will get satisfaction from pleasing us.

His manual gives clear, well-illustrated directions for training cats and for teaching them simple tricks while at the same time he shows considerable respect for the cat's dignity and intelligence.

Few lovers of the feline will want to subject their pets to artificial tricks for entertainment only. But much of Mr. Groder's book—such as his instructions on training a cat to stay indoors, even when doors and windows are open, or to use a scratching post, or to retrieve for fun—can be put to good use by most owners.

—B. D.

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"It says, 'Hello, Daddy — Mom sent us over to live with you!'"

SILLY ABOUT CATS, edited by Marbeth Reed. Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N. Y. 96 pages. \$1.00.

Cartoonists seem to think cats and kittens are screamingly funny. Often, perhaps, they are. Much of their humor, anyway, is such that even the most thorough-going ailurophile can enjoy it.

For ourselves and for our cat-lovin' friends who want to have a good laugh at themselves here's a collection of over a hundred outstanding magazine cartoons published over the past seven or eight years and featuring: the cat.

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—O.I.



THE CAT WHO LIKED TO PRETEND, story and pictures by Mary Chalmers. Harper & Brothers, New York. Juvenile. 32 pages. \$1.95.

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Pre-schoolers to first- and second-graders will find his make-believe and Mary Chalmers' charming pictures of it lots of fun. —D. D.

THE KITTENS' FIRST CHRISTMAS

by Rena Grace Kallejian

My two Siamese kittens dashed into the living room just as the fragrant Christmas tree was placed in a bucket of wet sand in the corner, by the fireplace.

Mischief in their eyes, they dashed quickly up the tree and found themselves swaying through the air much like two little squirrels. The tree was falling just as surely as if it had been felled by the woodman's axe. There, in the middle of a freshly cleaned room was a mixture of wet sand, pine needles, tree branches, make-believe snow, and two scared kittens. Both little animals hurried and quickly found hiding places. My spirit was anything but Christmassy at the moment.

After the tree was decorated and a fire was laid, ready to strike, in the fireplace, I went into the other rooms to do my housework.

I was making the bed when I felt a kitten's body brush against my ankle. She gave a strange little cry and dashed quickly out of the room. I followed her to the livingroom and was surprised to see her jump up on the back of a large, upholstered chair. She sat there, with her nose pointed directly toward the fireplace and again gave a cry I had not heard before. Seeing nothing out of the ordinary I went out of the room and returned to my work.

In a few minutes Ming-toy-lo came for me again, more persistent than ever. I hesitated, then reluctantly followed her. Again, the same perch, the same chair, the same pleading little cry as she must have said, "Please do something!"

I then hurriedly looked about the room and called the male kitten, Ko-Ko-lo, but no answer. Watching Ming-toy-lo's relieved expression, I stooped down and pulled the mesh fireplace screen apart, glanced up toward the chimney, and there, wagging back and forth, was a long tail of a kitten, looking much like a pendulum on a clock. The little head peeked down and said, "Meow". At that moment I grabbed two hind legs and Ko-Ko-lo decided to climb up the inside of the chimney. (or at least try!) Human hands finally won over kitten legs and I dragged him out of the soot-covered chimney. He ran across the living room, leaving little black tracks on the lovely carpet.

Ming-toy-lo had jumped from her perch on the chair and started to run after Ko-Ko-lo but she hesitated long enough to rub against my ankle, licked my hand with a quick kiss and said, "Meow"—meaning, "thanks so much" in kitten language.

I worked to brush the soot from off the fur of her little brother. Ming-toy-lo

started trying to lick him clean.

After I walked away from the animals I saw her as she gave him one quick swat with her paw. She walked away from him, disgusted. Ko-Ko-lo had just told her that his mommie told him that Christmas Eve was the time jolly old Santa came down the chimney with catnip toys and candy mice and that he was just going up the chimney and was going to sit on the little shelf in the chimney and be sure that mommie knew what she was talking about.

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FRIENDS OF ANIMALS

by Elizabeth Hamilton

*The injuries we do and those we suffer
are seldom weighed in the same scales.*

"I have been wrestling with a problem concerning finances, a female mongrel dog, and a little boy, and I am turning to you in hopes you can help me save the dog and keep a little boy's heart from breaking."

These are the opening words of a recent written appeal to Alice Herrington Schmid of Friends of Animals, Inc., 510 Madison Avenue, New York City 22.

Moved by the very real and very visible suffering of unwanted pet animals within the confines of New York City alone, Mrs. Schmid in 1958 conceived and organized Friends of Animals, Inc., non-profit membership corporation chartered in the State of New York and authorized to operate throughout the United States.

Among the directors and sponsoring members of the organization are Pegeen and Ed Fitzgerald, June Havoc, Fannie Hurst, Mrs. H. J. Heinz II, James and Pamela Mason, Christine Stevens, and Dr. Leon F. Whitney—all well known to CATS readers.

Friends of Animals' members' essential interest is in animal birth control. It stems from their desire to attack with practicality the extreme suffering of thousands of unwanted kittens and puppies, cats and dogs. Such suffering is perhaps most startlingly illustrated by the statistics applying to New York City, but it exists in every community in the nation.

Even when stripped of their emotional connotations, the figures are staggering: in New York City 40,000 cats destroyed by humane agencies in one year alone (and this approximate total does not include 74,000 young kittens destroyed by the agencies, nor another 418,000 newborns destroyed by their owners). Almost 500,000 cats were abandoned and died homeless within the same period of time, and in the United States as a whole during a twelve-month period 3,000,000 dogs and 18,000,000 cats died homeless and unfed.

Obviously the main and fundamental cause of animal suffering is overproduction. The problem is made still more difficult by the American public's abhorrence of sentencing a healthy animal to almost sure, though painless, death at the Humane Society. There are also a lack of education relative to the responsibilities and difficulties of pet ownership, and an inability of many families to meet the costs of having their animals spayed or altered.

Friends of Animals is overcoming the unplanned production of cats and dogs by enlisting the cooperation of Humane Societies and other animal shelters which offer pets for adoption. The "Friends" make available to these agencies their most

Aesop Fables: The Partial Judge

noteworthy development—a "spaying certificate," which provides financial aid for the necessary surgery through special rates provided by cooperating veterinarians.

Their long-range plans envision that eventually all animal shelters will require all female cats and dogs they release be spayed, and all male cats be altered, at the proper time.

This, Friends of Animals feels, is the one practical way to reduce the appalling number of pets abandoned because the pet owner cannot afford surgery, because, he believes and fears the old wives' tales about the aftermath of surgery, or because he thinks he would rather give the animal at least a chance of survival on the streets (a mistaken notion of humaneness) than turn it over to a shelter for possible adoption, probable painless death.

Here is how the spaying certificate plan works. The certificate is purchased from the animal shelter by the adopter at the special rate given to Friends of Animals and is presented in full payment to a co-operating veterinarian at the time surgery is performed. It is returned by the veterinarian to FOA, which pays him his fee, and in turn the animal shelter repays this fee to Friends of Animals upon presentation of the certificate stamped with its name. Thus, the certificate comes full circle and all are repaid.

In cases of individuals unable to pay even the reduced rate for the spaying certificate, FOA subsidizes the purchase and these individuals may pay the full cost over a period of months or years.

In the case of our family concerned with "finances, a female mongrel dog, and a little boy," Friends of Animals, after confirming that the family was indeed faced with the necessity of either having the dog spayed or having it destroyed, issued a spaying certificate directly to the family. One female mongrel dog was able to stay with the little boy who had adopted her, and one small boy's heart was kept from breaking.

Perhaps the "circle" of the spaying certificate can be compared with the circle, vicious and endless, that confronts the animal shelter which doesn't require the spaying of all animals given in adoption. First—and most telling—the animal is acquired for nothing, a fact which immediately reduces the value of the pet in the eyes of the adopter and in some measure, however unconscious, reduces the feeling of responsibility toward the pet. Next the kitten becomes a cat, the puppy a dog, each with the normal sexual drives, and—unless surgery is performed—the resultant kittens and puppies. These may be destroyed by the owner, an unpleasant task

at best; they may be delivered wholesale to the humane agency from which the mother animal was undoubtedly adopted originally; or—and this is the case more often than not—they are abandoned or given to an ill-informed person who is a marginal pet owner, one soft-hearted enough to succumb to a kit or a pup, but unwilling to assume responsibility for the inevitable cat or dog. Whatever the final fate of the young animals in question, the circle will eventually come round: either they themselves will be turned back to the animal shelter, or soon enough their offspring will—unless, of course, abandoned, they die in the meantime.

Above and beyond the birth control measures the Friends of Animals' program embodies education and the coordination of animal welfare efforts. The former is aimed at the pet owner who believes spaying to be too dangerous or who thinks that it will produce such undesirable side-effects wrongly attributed to spaying as obesity or laziness. Constant and active interest is maintained in research leading toward new, less expensive, and easier means of preventing conception in small animals; and the organization will help disseminate such information when these methods are perfected.

Recognizing the need for a unified policy of required spaying for animals adopted from humane shelters, Friends of Animals also serves as a coordinating agency between these established animal welfare groups. Because these adoption agencies must operate on a competitive basis, Friends of Animals hopes to serve as the means by which they may all attack the problem of overproduction, the problem with which they are all concerned.

Thus far Friends of Animals, Inc., has offered financial aid toward the spaying of companion animals to hundreds of individuals in the New York area responding to appeals similar to that from the young lady who writes, "We have seven cats (five females) and even if only some could be spayed it would be a big help as my mother is continually drowning baby kittens"; and from the mothers who write, "I have a female cat who has just had five kittens. This was all right for the first time, but if this happens again, I'll just have to break my children's hearts and give her up"; and, "I have been trying to find out just where I could get our little kitten altered for a price I could afford . . . because the next step I had to turn to was to abandon her because I couldn't find anyone or anyone who wants her."

Over forty veterinarians in the Greater New York area are now honoring Friends of Animals' spaying certificates, and work is constantly in progress to enlist the aid and professional skill of still more. The Newark Shelter of the Associated Humane Societies of New Jersey and the Princeton

(New Jersey) Small Animal Rescue League have agreed to require the spaying of female pets and the altering of male cats given in adoption, making use of the certificates.

Friends of Animals is financed solely by tax-deductible gifts and contributions. Membership both within and without the New York area, is growing; and those funds contributed by friends of animals outside the metropolitan radius are being set aside to aid in the eventual administrative costs of expanding the organization's program, putting the aims and purposes and humane animal welfare work of Friends of Animals, Inc., on an active national footing.

Mrs. Ludwig Bemelmans, who is a director and committee member and whose husband is a sponsoring member, has summed up what might be termed the eventual and ideal goal of FOA: "In view of the present overproduction of pets, a good rule of thumb is that no pet owner should permit the birth of puppies and kittens which he himself does not intend to keep and care for."

Friends of Animals hopes that such a rule, applied now, would lead to a highly desirable increase in both the value and the appreciation of pets, resulting in a responsible demand for a controlled number of companion animals; and an equally desirable decrease in the suffering to which countless cats and dogs are abandoned each year.

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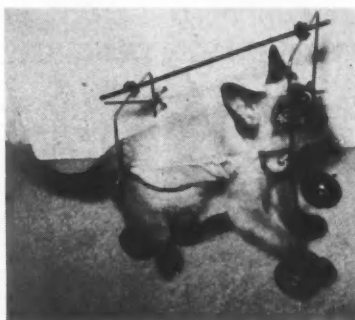
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SUCCESS STORY OF A SIAMESE

by Louise Claire Cucci

George Ming, Number Four Son is the name of our Seal Point Siamese. George has glowing aquamarine eyes and a coat of beige fur that excels Borgana. He has two outstanding characteristics:

The first is that he is the gabbiest cat we've ever known. He has varied voice ranges, each one capable of starting exactly what is on his mind. He never says "Meow". (His mother must have told him it's out of style). He just says, "WOW", loud and emphatically. He makes softer comments, too. When he is in a conversational mood, he looks at us inquiringly and says, "Maa," very politely. When asked how he feels, he replies with, "Eeh!"

The second is that he can walk. Now this may seem trivial to most people. After all, animals walk. But George was the exception. After George owned us for three weeks, he stopped walking. We thought at first that he had sprained his right rear leg. Our veterinarian suggested we let him rest, and thought he would be back on his feet as soon as he was able.

We confined George to a large box, to which our boys hung parakeet toys with bells within his reach, hoping to keep him amused. This caused some hilarity

among our three sons, "Hey Mom, look, George is a bird!" (I would like to add that caring for a disabled animal was a good experience for the children. It revealed a tenderness and gentleness not apparent before.)

All of us waited patiently, but George was even more patient. After three weeks of inactivity, we took him to an animal hospital where he was x-rayed. The film showed a congenital bone defect similar to rickets. Treatment consisted of multiple vitamin drops and cod liver oil in a therapeutic dose, and maybe he would walk again.

In spite of well-meaning people with negative advice, namely, "Put him to sleep and out of his misery," we followed the course of treatment. It is significant to emphasize that George suffered no apparent pain and had no misery. Believe me, the misery was ours every time we looked into his affectionate human-like eyes filled with trust. He always maintained his good disposition and repaid us with his devotion. (Sounds corny, I know, except to cat lovers.)

After several weeks, we started to get discouraged, especially when George developed a urinary disorder, and was plagued by constipation. Liberal doses of mineral oil, vaseline on the nose, and enemas produced limited results. It seemed nothing short of blasting would do the trick. Prune juice and Castoria offered a temporary solution.

The veterinarian suggested that George's constipation might be relieved by exercise and suggested we make a cart for him which would encourage him to move his legs. My husband designed and built an adjustable cart out of 3/8" brass rod, attaching wheels which the boys donated from a toy truck.

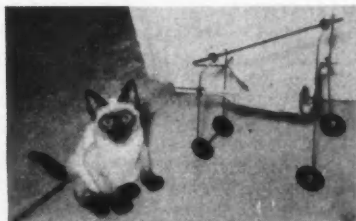
I made a muslin hammock with two holes in it for his front legs. George enjoyed riding in his "Kitty Kart", and enjoyed even more the massage which I accomplished by pulling on his rear legs and moving them in bicycle fashion while he lay on his back.

Just when we were ready to lose hope, George started to walk. He's no ballet dancer, and he won't be able to climb draperies or walk on cornices, but who needs it?

His constipation troubles are over, also, and our veterinarian says he's developing normally at four months. He believes we'll have a healthy pet after all.

P. S. The boys just reported a third accomplishment:

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SILVER

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chord music was her great passion and Scarlatti in particular held her spellbound. Whenever we played a Valenti recording of a Scarlatti sonata, Silver sat facing the enclosed speaker listening with the utmost attention, thoroughly absorbed in the wonders of the music until the final note of the closing longo. We often wondered if this were not a reaction to some ancestral memory of the Persian santir or guitar.

The months with Silver extended into years and during this time we found it was difficult if not impossible to move Silver out of the house for any purpose whatsoever. In fact after she'd been with us for only a few months she had what the veterinarian analyzed as something akin to a nervous breakdown when we had to take her out of our apartment while it was being painted.

To help complicate matters even more, Silver proved to be allergic to paint and not a drop of it has touched our walls since. It was this that brought about what I can only describe as our present state of dishabille. Within five years after Silver's occupancy, our kitchen walls looked as though they would disintegrate—paint, plaster and all—and our livingroom carpet had become a 20 x 20 shredded wheat.

How kind our friends were all those years, telling us how informal we were and

what a delightful atmosphere our apartment had. But now, ten years have passed, and our establishment is in a condition of near total dissolution with the all too conspicuous exceptions of our books, phonograph, antiques and Bruegel.

How much more our friends can take I no longer try to guess. Our ceiling is decorated with decaying paint and plaster stalactites. On all sides our walls are indistinguishable from the ceiling as both project a variety of paint and plaster particles which with a touch of color would do justice to any jungle. Our carpet has the appearance of the stubble of sun-burned grass.

Silver, my wife, and I live in this abundant apartment foliage, even happily one might say. Our surroundings may have degenerated, but I have apparently attained my wife's requirement for being "civilized". She tolerates me lovingly as one might a dog. But Silver—Silver reigns supreme amidst the ruins.

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WRITE

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WE DID IT!

Dear Editors:

You finally did it. In the September issue you put a feature story on a page without the poetry page being on the other side. I like to clip some of the poems for my scrapbook or to send to friends, but I always hate to spoil the interesting articles to do it. I do enjoy rereading them.

I collect anything and everything in the shape of a cat or with a cat design on it. I have a most interesting collection. I wonder if many of your subscribers have a like hobby?

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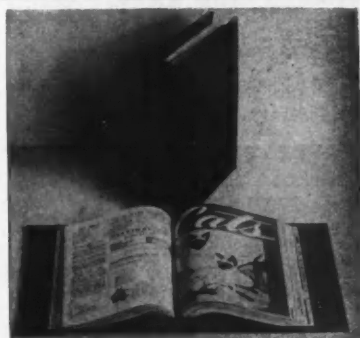
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Cats Club and Show Reporter

A CRIMINAL MATTER

Dear Editors:

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On the night of Wednesday, September 23, while we were away, someone broke into our cattery and attacked our beloved and great sire Db. Ch. Kabar Will-O-The-Wisp.

I found him lying paralyzed upon my return at midnight. I placed him upon a heating pad and sat with him through the night. The agonies he suffered are indescribable.

We took him to our veterinarian in Los Angeles, who found his spine completely shattered, kidneys ruptured, and internal organs torn loose. It was impossible to save him even for a life in a wheel chair.

Our personal loss, and grief over him are great. We loved him so very much. Big Willy, as we called him, was so proud and high-headed and regal. No one could ever know the pain of seeing him broken and suffering.

Among his kittens are Db. Gr. Ch. Fan-T-Cee Kabar Kenny, Db. Ch. Fan-T-Cee Kabar Katrina, Db. Gr. Ch. Fan-T-Cee Will-O-Wee, Gr. Ch. Fan-T-Cee Saphir, Gr. Ch. Krebs Don Juan — all with high All-Sectional or All-American honors last year.

His remains were taken to Pet Heaven Cemetery in Los Angeles where he was cremated.

This horrible murder has left our local cat fancy stunned. It is almost beyond belief that any human could so crush a helpless little caged animal!

The doctor's opinion was that Will-O-The Wisp had been struck with terrible force across his back with a crowbar or similar club.

—Mrs. Fred Galvin

2103 Ward Terrace
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The person who committed the terrible crime described by Mrs. Galvin should clearly be in a hospital for the mentally ill, since all signs point to the person's being a member of the Cat Fancy who for some imagined purpose chose such revenge.

The grief of the Galvins and the Cat Fancy at the loss of such a great cat must bear the added weight of the realization that one of the members of our world of cat lovers conceals such a sick and depraved soul.

The West Coast has been the scene of several threats and other attacks (one against another Galvin cat) possibly all from this same diseased source.

In your editor's opinion, the matter has gone too far to be kept within the Fancy. These activities are definitely crimes and should be reported in full to local law enforcement agencies wherever and whenever they occur.

We shall willingly do our part by publicizing any such threats and attacks which are brought to our attention.

It has also been suggested that the Fancy as a whole sponsor a complete investigation of these inhuman activities — and we will cooperate to the fullest if such action is taken.

— R.D.S.

NEW ACA CLUB IN SO. CALIF.

The Bellflower Cat Fanciers Club has recently formed in southern California and has affiliated with ACA. Officers are: President, Robert Nevin, D.V.M.; First Vice President, William Bond; Second Vice President, Dorothy Braud; Secretary, Clare Lapke, 5507 N. Carfax Ave., Lakewood 11, Calif.; Treasurer, Louise Murray; Parliamentarian, Charles Braud.

The new club is planning their first show to be held in Long Beach, with tentative dates being March 26 and 27, 1960.

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Boris was an affectionate and loving companion. The happiness he gave will live in the memory of those who knew and loved him, and his name will be honored and respected as one of the greatest cats of our day.

Zoe R. McEachern

RALPH A. WILKINSON

Members of the Cat Fancy will be sorry to learn of the death of Ralph A. Wilkinson early in October. In addition to his other activities, Mr. Wilkinson took a strong interest in cats and in the Cat Fanciers' Federation of which Mrs. Wilkinson has been successively Secretary and President for nearly thirty years.

Fanciers Forum

LET'S GET GOING!

Dear Editors:

In the May issue of CATS you published a challenging inquiry from Frederick W. Bollinger. Through you, may I give him some of my answers?

I am a member of the Board of one of the associations whose five-fold existence he deplores, (and which I, equally, deplore), but I want to make it clear that I speak only for myself, and represent neither the Board nor the association's members. I feel, however, that I may be speaking for a number of mature, thoughtful cat fanciers whose names I don't at this moment know.

We cannot avoid awareness that we are wastefully running our energies and our finances down five shallow channels, when our substance might be harnessed into one powerplant of significant vitality. Let's face the fact that cats have become big-money business. I don't mean money-making business (the individual fancier with a net profit is a phenomenon) but, rather money-spending business. The two to four thousand dollars, odd, expended in the staging of every two-day cat show . . . and just count them up! . . . adds up to a sum that isn't peanuts. Only a small portion of that is returned by the public in gate receipts. The large part of the cost is borne by the Cat Fancy . . . not just once, but in some areas four or five times and multiplied by the number of radii one can follow into other areas. Five sets of registration or listing fees! Five lots of Show Entry fees! Five "invitations" to contribute to ribbon and trophy funds! And perhaps every other week-end away from home in a steadily lengthening "show season" — an exhausting one for cats, and more particularly for their exhibitors. One is not required to enter all the Area shows of all the associations, but if you have a good cat who is having a good season, are you likely to sit at home with

him and let So-and-So take the wins?

And how does it come about that you can have a "good season" in the shows of all five associations? Precisely because there is scarcely a hair's-breadth of difference in the five sets of standards, the five sets of show rules, or the five constitutions under which the associations operate. Certainly there are not differences wide enough to prevent men and women of good will among The Five from sitting down together and reconciling them.

Small details can become stumbling blocks. We must lose some part of sovereignty in gaining solidarity. Naturally, we give up our names and present identities. But to prove that a meaningful new name is not impossible, I have "thunk up" one with so little likeness to the name any of us now bears that it could carry no possible "stigma" of being an absorption of one by another. I propose to you therefore, the creation of The American Federation of Cat Fanciers.

For the many people who enjoy taking part in the administration of our five organizations (and who might jump to the false conclusion that a single organization would cut off 80% of those opportunities) I would point out that a satisfyingly operating program in such a single organization would actually increase the number of opportunities to serve in various capacities and various localities. For there would need to be set up several nearly autonomous Regional Divisions in order to serve intelligently and understandingly the great breadth and diversity of this country (and eventually, possibly, our Canadian and Mexican neighbors).

The A F C F Central Council (which should be established somewhere in mid-country) would be the Registry and Information Center, staffed by full-time, well-paid employees, and the meeting-place (two or three times annually) of the Regional Delegates who would constitute the Central Council, and who would be responsible for the setting up of Standards and Registration Requirements, and of the Federation's fiscal policies. Practically all other functions should be conducted at the Regional level, where they will, obviously, have some variations one from another. The Regional Directorates should be small enough to realize community and cohesion. At the moment, I envisage not fewer than eight Regional Directorates . . . and I feel that this almost-autonomous Regional organization is basic to success. Probably there would not, today, be five organizations in the Cat Fancy if it were not that a "some-time parent" had been uncomprehending of problems and grievances outside its own area of experience.

Is this a dream? I think not. It can and will come about eventually . . . and it could be our generation of Cat Fanciers who actually took the first step. Consider what a lot we can accomplish in allied effort. If the Registration Fee were as much as \$5.00 a cat, we would still be individually ahead with only one registration necessary. Yet with only one such fee collected, A F C F would be able to pay its employees well; to pay, as it should, the travel expenses of its Council members; and to provide significant support for the types of Cat Research of which we stand in such appalling need.

Let's hear from a lot of people: from people who have been doing specific thinking about means of achieving a united Cat Fancy; from people who oppose the whole idea . . . with their reasons; and from people who are just wondering whether something could be done. The only way to formulate a group thinking is by telling one another our individual thinking . . . and I don't know of a better meeting place than Cats Magazine. If correspondence becomes heavier than can be published (and I hope it may) could we ask you, Ray, to keep the letters on file . . . to choose for publication such as display representative or provocative thinking . . . and to make us a sort of "digest" of all the responses, so that we may know their trend?

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Knight of Fan-T-Cee, BP m. Galvin. OS Cat. Ch. L.H. SC—Blue Gables
Snow Birdie, BE Wh. Veja Suda Cho. Best Gr Ch—KonKeKe KoKoMo, Bur m.
Blue Charmer, Blue m. Schulz. Best Open, T&T—Elco's Top Brass m. Os
Kinler Park RT m. Fouque. Best Sil—Froste, SS m. Hill. OS Open,
Sil—Silver Penny, SS f. Hill. OS L&D—Blue Gables Glamour Girl, Blue
m. Schulz. Best Cat. Nov. LH. SC—Skyway's Blue Charmer, OS Ch. Best Sil—
DSH—Mickey, Brown. OS DSH—Shawnee Starlette of Aberdeen, ST f. Cole.
Best Abv—Selene's Firefly, m. Schuler; OS—Selene's Tammy of Aberdeen, f.
Cole. Best Bur—Tap-Toe Coochie, m. Dzbanaki. Best RB—Casa Santos
Martín, BE Wh. Veja Suda Cho. Best Gr Ch—KonKeKe KoKoMo, Bur m.
Schuh; OS—Trevel's Jason, SP m. Hill. Best Neut—Kanga, Abv, Jackson
Spay—Princess of Flomar, SP Snyder. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY**—Ella
Conroy. Best Cat. Nov. LH. SC—Windbank Starlet of Skyway, BE Wh.
Veja Suda Cho. Best Cat. Ch. L.H. SC—Blondie, BE Wh. Veja Suda
Wilson. OS Cat. Nov. LH. SC—Skyway's Blue Charmer, OS Ch. Best Sil—
Froste. OS Sil—Lynnae's Silver Dawn of Deleena, SS f. Thompson. Best
T&T—Elco's Top Brass of McKinley Park; OS—Blue Gables Glamour Girl
of Aberdeen, BE Wh. Veja Suda Cho. Best Gr Ch—KonKeKe KoKoMo, Bur m.
Martin. Best Neut—Fluffy, RT Needham; Spay—Madam Mica, GR
Knowles. **SHORTHAIR SPECIALTY**—Ella Conroy. Best Cat. Ch. SH
FSH. SS—Kabab Cha Mo, SP m. Hamling. 2nd Best Cat. Best Opern—
Gloves, Ch. L.H. SC—Blossom, BE Wh. Veja Suda Cho. OS SH—
Veja Suda Cho. Best Gr Ch—KonKeKe KoKoMo, OS Ch.—Madal
Tsansu, CP f. Christy. OS NV—Jungo Abednigo, BP m. Gordon. OS Opern
—Chatwin Taha of Chota-LA, Abv f. Field. Best DSH—Shawnee Starlette
of Aberdeen, BE Wh. Veja Suda Cho. Best Cat. T&T—Elco's Top Brass
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Sheraman's Twinks of Aberdeen, m. Cole. Best Bur—Dalai Hone Bear of
KonKeKe, m. Slauter; OS—not given. Best RB—Addick's Anya of Betty Lou
f. MacDonald. Best Kt—Trevel's Jason; OS—Lola of Lola f. McCarty.
Best Op. Bobbie, BE Wh. Veja Suda Cho. Best Gr Ch—Coco, SP Wilen; Spay—Sun
shine Su-Ling, BP, Long. Entries: 294; Exhibitors: 105.

PACIFIC NATIONAL EXHIBITION (ACFA), Ch Show, Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 31-Sept. 1, 1959. **ALL BREED**—*Lella Paterson*, Best Cat, Nov. List.—*Montpellier Sheik Tarzan*, Odd Wh m, Montpellier, 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch.—*Klinkhammer's Dare Devil*, Odd-Eyed Wh m, Klinkhammer, OS Cat, 1st.—*Klinkhammer's Charming*, Odd-Eyed Wh m, Klinkhammer, OS Cat, 2nd.—*Klinkhammer's Charming*, Odd Wh m, Klinkhammer, OS Nov. SII, Sla—*Hara's Alouette*, FP f, Haralampus, Best Open—*Driftwood's September Boy*, Blue m, Butterfield, OS—*Klinkhammer's Button Nose*, Blue f, Klinkhammer, SII, Sla.—*King's Rival*, Royal, Best Open, Best Blue f, Klinkhammer, SII, Sla.—*Brubaker's*, Vancouver, BP.—*Thomas's*, OS, Gunneth's, Blue, Rebel, BP m.

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 Midas, BE, Wh m Klinkhammer OS Cat, Best Ch OS LH—Ashdown
 Best Dog, Best Dog, Best Dog, Best Dog, Best Dog, Best Dog, Best Dog,
 Liac Time, Blue f, Collins. OS Nov—Montpellier Gay Gift, Cr f, Ridge.
 OS CH—Klinkhammer's Dare Devil. Best Neut—Montpellier Butterfield Teddy
SHORTHAIR SPECIAL—Conrad G. Barr. Best Cat, Ch—Klinkham-
 Coquette, CH, Balmalump. 2nd Best Cat, Gr Ch, Gr Ch, Gr Ch, Gr Ch,
 Cho-Sen of Penny's, SP m, Penny OS Ch—King's Annette of Jen-Kins,
 BP f, King. Best Nev—Elo-Yee's Hi-Dec-Ho, SP m, Magnan. OS—Hara's
 Zorro, SP m, Chipperfield. Entries: 49; Exhibitors: 33.

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SHOW, SUR CAT CLUB OF NEW JERSEY, INC., 1959. OFFICE: 1st Ch
Shaw, Aubrey Park, N. J., August 22-23, 1959. ALL BREED—Richard
Gebhardt. Best Cat, Ch, LH, SS—Minqua's Juniata, Blue f, Martine, 2nd
 Best Cat—Willowood Feather of Minqua, Cr f, Martine, OS Cat, SH,
 Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora,
 Chirn Sa-hal Twenty Carats, m, O'Donovan Best Nov Bur, SH, FSH,
 Mizpah's Baha' U'alent of Ling-Ford, f, Jerguson, Best Open, SH—Shermont,
 Sparkling Sherry, Chirn f, Sorenson OS Cat—Chez Moumette Cal of Nor-Mont,
 Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora,
 —Bellham's Sir Korkimar, Chin m, Ruth, OS Open, LH, SS—Stonybrook,
 Laure, Red m, English, Best Cat—Cricklewood Fancie, Bc f, Marquart;
 Best Stonybrook McFee, Rm f, English OS Si Cat, DPH f, Marquart;
 Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora,
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 Cykiko of Chirn Sa-hai, m, O'Donovan, Best DSH—Barylz Ebony Duchess of
 Nor-Mont, Birk f, Baris OS—Lavender Silver Pattern, SH m, Collins, Best
 Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora,
 Betty Lou, f, MacDonald, Best M—Creggyn Doo's Pasteurized, BE Wh f,
 Tomson OS—Swende's White Mooragh, BE Wh m, Schaus, Best Kit
 Wila Blite Zenth, Odd-Eyed Wh, Bannan OS—Green Lane Danny, SH m,
 Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora,
 CP Green. **LONGHAIR SPECIALTY—Robert E. Martin.** Best Cat, Ch,
 LH, SS—Chez Moumette Cal of Nor-Mont, 2nd Best Cat OS Cat, Ch, LH,
 Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora,
 OS—Ming-To of Silva-Wyte, BE Wh m, Framl, Best Open—Stonybrook,
 Ebony, Bk m, English OS—Willowood Mayday, Red f, Speicher—Best SH,
 Bean Ridge Hi-Fi, SH f, Bean OS—Citroni's Silver Star, SS m, Citroni,
 Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora,
 RT f, Clark, Best Kit—Stonybrook Greybun, Cr m, English OS—K-Katzen,
 Kismayah, Bk f, Pulsifer—Best Neut—Lavender Bubbles. **ALL SHORT**
HAIR EXC—SIAMSE—Frances M. Harma. Best Cat, Ch, FSH, Bur,
 Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora,
 Cat, FSH—Chirn Sa-hal Twenty Carats, OS Cat—Chez Moumette Cal of Nor-Mont,
 Best Nov, Mx—Creggyn Doo's Pasteurized, OS Nov—Shawnee Swirls in
 Bur f, Sand, BE Wh m, English OS—Lavender Silver Pattern, SH m, Collins,
 Chirn Sa-hal Arabella, OS Bur—Cyrimi Cykiko of Chirn Sa-hai, m, O'Donovan,
 Addick's Anya of Betty Lou OS—Jupiter C of Van-Lyn, Best Kit—Hates
 Marlin Amora, Bur f, Smiley OS—Jacaranda's Brown Bomber, Bur m, Ester,
 Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora,
 Froste, LP m, Reynolds, 2nd Best Cat OS CAT: Best Nov—Singa Godi
 of Bridle Trail, SP f, Hoag, Best Open—Bridle Trail's Ping-Mo, SP m,
 Hoag OS—Wo Lina of Green Lane, SP f, Naugle, OS Nov—Mel-War's Bole,
 Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora, Best Si Cat—Aurora,
 Danny OS—Hi-Fia-Tia Som Lee of Ping, BP f, Dyott, Entries: 302

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STAMPS

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by political changes in administrations.

As might be expected, the majority of stamps picturing wild cats originate in Africa, and southern Asia. Several South and Central American countries have issued such stamps as a matter of national pride, with the jaguar predominating. There is little or no government protection given these magnificent beasts in the latter two areas, and they seem destined to follow our own grizzly bear and buffalo into oblivion.

In Malaya it's the Bengal tiger that commands fear and respect, and his picture supersedes every other subject in popularity on Malayan stamps. The tiger is regarded as good luck, or bad luck; as death, or a promise of future life, depending on the section of this country visited. Sacrificial offerings are often made to the tiger and it was his picture on their postage stamps that first induced the natives to trust modern mail carrying methods. A current Malayan stamp series pictures the local ruler of each province with a fine specimen of live tiger.

The lion in his natural habitat is frequently pictured on stamps of the British African colonies. Tanganyika, the two Rhodesias, Kenya and Uganda all have engraved the king of beasts on stamps that travel 'round the world. In these colonies however, wise game management methods are attempting to preserve the lion population along with other wildlife for future generations to enjoy. Large areas are set aside in Kenya and Tanganyika particularly, where no shooting is permitted. But for prompt official action a few decades ago, the African lion would now be almost extinct.

The Belgian colonies in Africa seem to prefer leopards on their postage stamps to pictures of their rulers. Some of the finest paintings of the big spotted cats ever made are reproduced on postal issues of Belgian East Africa (Ruandi Urindi) and the Belgian Congo. Here, as the tiger is in Malaya, leopards are regarded with superstitious fear by backwoods natives, and use of the "leopard stamps" is reputed to bring good luck.

Mozambique, a Portuguese colony, included the leopard as part of a stamp series featuring native crops. Here too, belated steps are being taken to preserve this cantankerous branch of the cat family.

Spain and its remaining colonies are noted for "real life" engravings of wild animals, and nowhere is this more evident than in stamp issues picturing the African lion. Tangier, Spanish Guinea, Ifni and Spanish Sahara have all featured the lion in various postal issues in past years.

It was Spain, too, which commemorated Lindbergh's flight to Paris with an airmail stamp showing the pilot's only companion—a Shorthair cat.

Collecting "cat" stamps is termed "topical collecting" in the huge society of philatelists. There are approximately 20 million stamp collectors in the United States

alone, and an estimated 90 million in the world. Thousands of stamp dealers make the hobby their business, and act as middlemen between stamp issuing countries and collectors. Topical collectors concentrate on one subject such as railroads, automobiles, flowers, flags, airplanes — or cats.

An attention-getting wall frame of "cat" stamps can be assembled at comparatively small cost, and added to as new issues are printed. Those illustrated with this article averaged about 27 cents each, although some really scarce items in earlier stamp issues would cost several dollars. Some handy-man topical collectors have inlaid coffee tables with lions, tigers and other felines gleaned from world postal issues.

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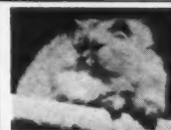
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December

- 4-Dallas, Texas. ACFA Judges' School. (See Below)
 5-6-Dallas, Texas-COMBINED SHOWS: North Texas Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Helen Mueller); LH & SH Specialties (Whitney Abt). American National Cat Club (ACFA). All Breed (Rae Rathburn); LH & SH Specialties (Don Clapp).
 5-6-Tucson, Ariz.-Tucson Cat Club (ACA). All Breed (Ruth McNaughtan); LH & SH Specialties (Ruth Lentz).
 5-6-Jersey City, N. J.-Garden City Cat Club of N. J. (CFA). All Breed (Matil Rotter); Siamese and All SH ex Siamese Specialties (Sven Nelson); Solid Color, Tabby & Tortie, Silver Specialties (Kate Carroll).
 5-6-Miami, Florida-Miami Florida Cat Fanciers (CFA). All Breed (Frances Herms); LH & SH Specialties (Marguerite Mabie).
 12-13-New York, N. Y.-Atlantic Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Lucy Clingan); LH & SH Specialties (J. J. Small, Jr.)
 19-20-Las Vegas, Nevada-The Purple Sage Cat Fanciers of Southern Nevada (ACFA). QUAD SHOW: All Breed and Specialties (tha).

January

- 9-16-Burbank, Calif.-San Fernando Valley Cat Club (CFA). All Breed (H. B. Zieses); LH Specialty (Elsie Flaherty); SH Specialty (Miriam Williams).
 9-10-Kansas City, Mo.-MoKan Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Gladys Weirich); LH & SH (Louise Heron).
 9-10-St. Petersburg, Florida-Suncoast Cat Club (CANCELLED)
 9-10-Cleveland, Ohio-Lake Erie Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Lila Rippey); LH Specialty (Eva Thorne); SH Specialty (Amelia Roberts).
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Caroling "Joy to the World" you return merrily to the scene of your recent achievement. There, with glazed eyes, you behold naught but a pile of tangled string, some bent milk-bottle caps, and your dear friend the cat, sitting waiting for you to applaud his alacrity.

But, "fa la la, la la" . . . it is Christmas time and it's the spirit that really counts. No one can say cats haven't spirit.

The Clear Lake, California, *Observer* had quite an article about cat-spunk and trespassing skunk. A householder in Clear Lake had thoughtfully installed a swinging door arrangement for her night-wandering tom. The lady, who shall be nameless, could sleep secure in the knowledge that her boy could get back into the house at his convenience without her getting up.

One early morning the gal was awakened by strange noises and on going to investigate saw, to her panic, a wide white stripe down a back of a cat who was not Thomas.

Knowing discretion was the better part of valor, she made no move. Hoping, against reasonable odds, that this wood-pussy would drink and then move on from whence he came. Tom chose this moment to come back from his nocturnal appointments and immediately challenged the invader.

It was a short and noisy hassle, an odorous thing. The skunk took his departure but not before spending his scent. The conclusion to the story, as it is wafted about, is that Tom has been staying in nights.

Another cat, full of zeal, was called to our attention by the Weedsport, New York, *Cayuga Chief* that's a newspaper!

The Binghamms were awakened by sounds that could only mean a cat-fight. On opening the front door to call their cat, they were confronted by a raccoon hanging high on the screen door. Their pet sat snarling on the porch keeping this animal four times her size at bay. Sensing the

odds were too long against him, the raccoon freed himself from the screen and with a lunge was off the porch and heading for the hills with the Domestic in enraged pursuit.

Having proved to be the protector, dear little pussy came home and again resumed the role of mama cat and spent the rest of the night attending her two kittens. The weaker sex?

Can't overlook the Caesar-complex cat of the Alwyn Hotel. The *Sentinel-Ledger* of Ocean City, New Jersey, ran a photo of Freddie, an eight-month-old cat and Dee Dee, a twelve-year-old Panamanian parrot.

The guests of the Alwyn have ring-side seats for the battle of supremacy between an ambitious cat and a frustrated liberated parrot. Dee Dee is granted freedom during the day . . . but Freddie immediately usurps Dee Dee's cage and refuses to be dispossessed. The parrot screams for absentee-possession and the cat yowls for squatter's rights.

By evening, everyone in the hotel is happy when the manager plays mediator. Freddie is taken out of the cage and to the manager's apartment and Dee Dee resumes landlord rights to his cage. Complaining miserably about the mess the place is in, no doubt.

Landlords and cats . . . in the *Cleveland Press* there was a story about them recently:

Boot, a family cat was farmed out to a family in another county when the Garulas found they couldn't take her to the house they had just rented. The owner of their new home said, "No cats."

They missed her; she missed them. So she walked the forty-five miles that separated them. The Garulas decided that she deserved more than just a tin of sardines and a ride back to her new home. They decided she would stay with them for as long as she lived.

Scrooge — sorry, I mean the landlord, touched with such devotion, graciously said the cat could stay . . . and with only a twenty-five dollars a month increase in rent.

Mr. and Mrs. Garula said they will pay it until they can find a house they can rent where a cat will be welcome.

We can only hope that some renter in that area read the *Press* the night their story was told. One who had the Christmas spirit in his heart the whole year and not just a few days in December.

Translating the howlings heard over the back fence, we can assure everyone that the entire staff of CATS Magazine wishes you the best holiday season yet. J.L.

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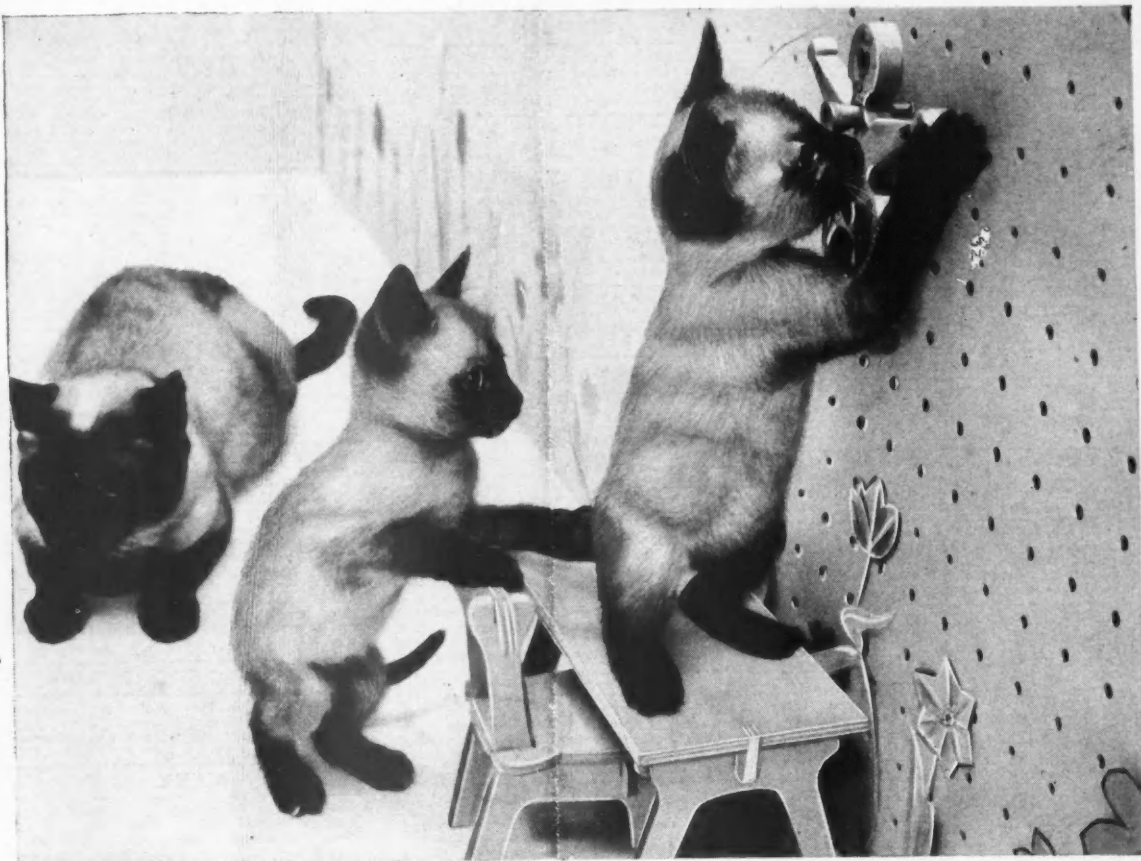
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